

### Actuators

- Actuator
  - A mechanical device for moving or controlling something
  - Converts electrical/fluid/pneumatic/fuel energy into mechanical energy
- Continuous- and Incremental-Drive Actuators
  - DC Motors .... used in precision position control applications
  - Stepper Motors .... Digital actuator used in position control applications
  - Induction Motors (done in Lecture 1) used in high-power applications

(Not discussed)

- Synchronous Motors
- Hydraulic Actuators
- Fluidics (Not discussed)
- Piezo Actuators (Not discussed)



- Motors convert electrical energy to mechanical energy
- Motors make things move



**Linear Motor** 



**DC Brush Motor** 



**Induction Motor** 



**Electrostatic Moto** 



**Stepper Motor** 



**Universal Motor** 







- DC Motor
  - Most common actuator
  - Converts electrical energy into mechanical energy
  - Motors require more battery power (i.e., current) than electronics (e.g., CPU)
    - e.g., 5 milliamps for the 68HC11 processor vs. 100 milliamps 1 amp for a small DC motor.
  - Recall Torque ∞ armature current and steady-state torque-speed characteristics of an armature controlled DC motor (constant field current, separately excited)

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega = \frac{v_i - R_A i_A}{K_v}$$

$$T_m = K_T i_A = K i_f i_A$$

$$K_T = K_v = K i_f$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \frac{v_i}{K i_f} - \frac{R_A}{\left(K i_f\right)^2} T_m$$

$$T_{m} = 0 \Rightarrow No - load \ speed \Rightarrow \omega_{0} = \frac{v_{i}}{Ki_{f}}$$
$$\omega = 0 \Rightarrow stalling \ torque \Rightarrow T_{S} = \frac{Ki_{f}v_{i}}{R_{A}} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\omega_{0}} + \frac{T_{m}}{T_{S}} = \frac{Ki_{f}v_{i}}{R_{A}} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\omega_{0}} + \frac{Ki_{f}v_{i}}{R_{A}} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\omega_{0}} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\omega_{0}} + \frac{Ki_{f}v_{i}}{R_{A}} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\omega_{0}} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\omega} \Rightarrow$$

### **DC Motors**

- Positioning ("Servo") Applications
  - Disk-drives, X-Y recorders, instruments, robots, sensor-pointing, fly-by-wire/drive-by-wire inputs, fuel management, sunroof,...
- Speed Control Applications
  - Fans, Drills, CNC machines, window wipers, lifts,...
- Power Range: Few Watts to a few kW
- Speed Range: few rpm to 10000rpm (use gear boxes)
- Time Constant: milli-seconds
- Often in-built encoders for position or tacho for speed
- Digital Control: Pulse-width-modulated (PWM) or Pulse-rate-modulated (PRM)
- When to use a DC Motor?
  - Accurate position/velocity control
  - Low noise
- Limitations: expensive, regular maintenance, heavy



### DC Motor Data - 1

#### Mechanical data

- Peak torque (e.g., 65 N.m)
- Continuous stall torque (e.g., 25 N.m)
- Friction torque (e.g., 0.4 N.m)
- Maximum acceleration at peak torque (e.g.,  $33'103 \text{ rad/s}^2$ )
- Maximum speed or no-load speed (e.g., 3,000 rpm.)
- Rated speed or speed at rated load (e.g., 2,400 rpm.)
- Rated output power (e.g., 5100 W)
- Rotor moment of inertia (e.g.,  $0.002 \text{ kg/m}^2$ )
- Dimensions and weight (e.g., 14 cm diameter, 30 cm length, 20 kg)
- Allowable axial load or thrust (e.g., 230 N)
- Allowable radial load (e.g., 700 N)
- Mechanical (viscous) damping constant (e.g., 0.12 N.m/krpm)
- Mechanical time constant (e.g., 100 ms)

#### Electrical data

- Electrical time constant (e.g., 2 ms)
- Torque constant (e.g., 0.9 N.m/A for peak current or 1.2 N.m/A rms current)
- Back emf constant (e.g., 0.95 V/rad/s for peak voltage)
- Armature/field resistance and inductance (e.g.,  $1.0 \Omega$ , 2 mH)
- Compatible drive unit data (voltage, current, etc.)
- General data
  - Brush life and motor life (e.g.,  $5x10^8$  revolutions at maximum speed)
  - Operating temperature and other environmental conditions (e.g., 0 to 40 °C)
  - Thermal resistance (e.g., 1.5 °C/W)
  - Thermal time constant (e.g., 70 minutes)
    - Mounting configuration



### DC Motor Data - 2

#### Motor Data

Line No.	Parameter	Symbol	Units	8X22	8X23	8X24	
17	Continuous Torque (Max.) <sup>3</sup>	T <sub>C</sub>	oz∙in (N•m)	1.6 (11.2 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	2.0 (14.1 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	2.6 (18.5 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	$\triangleright$
18	Peak Torque (Stall)	Т <sub>РК</sub>	oz∙in (N•m)	7.4 (52.0 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	10.5 (74.2 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	16.8 (118.6 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	
19	Motor Constant	К <sub>М</sub>	oz∙in/√W (N•m/√W)	1.12 (7.9 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	1.30 (9.2 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	1.49 (710.5 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	$\triangleright$
20	No-Load Speed	S <sub>0</sub>	rpm (rad/s)	7847 (822)	8298 (869)	10158 (1064)	$\triangleright$
21	21 Friction Torque T <sub>F</sub>		oz∙in (N•m)	0.35 (2.5 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	0.35 (2.5 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	0.35 (2.5 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	
22	Rotor Inertia	J <sub>M</sub>	oz·in·s² (kg·m²)	1.4 X 10 <sup>-4</sup> (9.89 X 10 <sup>-7</sup> )	1.7 X 10 <sup>-4</sup> (1.20 X 10 <sup>-6</sup> )	2.3 X 10 <sup>-4</sup> (1.62 X 10 <sup>-6</sup> )	

#### Model GM8XX2 Winding Data (Other windings available upon request)

Line No.	Parameter	Symbol	Units	GM8X22				
34	Reference Voltage	E	v	12.0	19.1	24.0	30.3	
35	Torque Constant	κ <sub>τ</sub>	oz∙in/A (N•m/A)	1.94 (13.7 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	3.07 (21.7 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	3.88 (27.4 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	4.88 (34.5 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	
36	Back-EMF Constant	ĸ <sub>E</sub>	V/krpm (V/rad/s)	1.43 (13.7 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	2.27 (21.7 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	2.87 (27.4 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	3.61 (34.5 X 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	
37	Resistance	R <sub>T</sub>	Ω	3.10	7.61	12.1	19.1	
38	Inductance	L	mH	1.57	3.93	6.27	9.92	
39	No-Load Current	I <sub>NL</sub>	A	0.25	0.16	0.12	0.10	
40	Peak Current (Stall) <sup>4</sup>	l <sub>P</sub>	A	3.88	2.51	1.99	1.59	

### **Drive Amplifier and Power Supply Selection**

- Suppose want to select ratings (current, voltage, power) of PWM amplifier and power supply
- Process
  - Required motor torque:

 $T_m = J_m (\dot{\omega})_{max} + T_L + T_f + T_d$ ; For pure inertial loads,  $T_L = J_L (\dot{\omega})_{max}$ 

- $T_L$  = worst case load torque;  $T_f$  = static friction torque;  $T_d$  = damping torque
- Required current

$$I_A = \frac{T_m}{K_T}$$
;  $K_T =$  Torque constant of the motor

- Required voltage

 $v_{i,required} = K_e \omega_{max} + R_A i_A; K_e = Motor EMF constant; R_A = Armature resistance$ 

- Voltage Rating

 $v_{i,rating} = \frac{v_{i,required}}{\text{Max duty cycle of PWM Amplifier}}$ 

**DC** Motor Analysis Example

For a GR12 C motor, determine the terminal voltage  $(v_i)$  for GR12C DC

motor to produce a torque of 75 Ncm at 2000 rpm.

Motor Constants		GR12C	GR12CH	GR16C	GR16CH	GR19CH
Torque	K <sub>t</sub> Ncm/Amp	10.8	17.0	23.7	37.3	24.0
EMF	K <sub>e</sub> V/krpm	11.3	17.8	24.8	39.0	25.0
Damping	K <sub>d</sub> Ncm/krpm	1.16	1.95	3.57	6.44	7.76
Friction Torque	T <sub>f</sub> Ncm	4.2	4.2	7.7	7.7	9.8
Terminal Resistance @ 5A	R <sub>m</sub> Ohm	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.65
Rotor Moment of Inertia	J kg.cm <sup>2</sup>	1.2	1.2	5.93	5.93	12.71

$$\begin{split} T_{Load} &= 75Ncm; T_d = 1.16 * 2 = 2.32Ncm; T_f = 4.2Ncm \\ T_m &= T_{Load} + T_d + T_f = 81.52Ncm \\ T_m &= K_T i_A \Longrightarrow i_A = \frac{81.52}{10.8} = 7.55A \\ \omega &= 209.33 = \frac{v_i - 0.95 * 7.55}{(11.3/104.67)} \Longrightarrow v_i = 29.77V \end{split}$$

Series DC Motors - 1

 $+R_F$ 

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Series DC motors have armature and field winding in series

– Field current = Armature current

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega = \frac{v_i - (R_A + R_F)i_A}{K'i_A} = \frac{v_i}{K'i_A} - \frac{(R_A + R_F)i_A}{K'}$$
$$T_m = Ki_A^2 \Longrightarrow i_A = \sqrt{\frac{T_m}{K}}$$
$$\Longrightarrow \omega = \frac{v_i}{K'} \sqrt{\frac{K}{T_m}} - \frac{(R_A + R_F)}{K'}$$

Speed of a series motor is inversely proportional to the square root of Torque. Nearly constant power is possible.

 $T_m$ 

- No load speed is infinite
- Speed regulation is poor
- Starting torque and low speed operation are satisfactory



### Series DC Motors - 2

- 30kW mechanical power and 250 V supply. Speed is 800 rpm.
- If load torque is reduced to 200 Nm, what is the new speed?

Motor current,  $I_A = \frac{Power}{Voltage} = \frac{30,000}{250} = 120Amps$  $Torque = \frac{Power}{Speed in \ rad \ / \sec} = \frac{30,000}{(800 \ / \ 60).2\pi} = 358.1Nm$ *Torque* =  $K I_A^2 \implies K = \frac{358.1}{(120)^2} = 0.0249 Nm / A^2$ With the new load torque of 200Nm,  $I_A = \sqrt{\frac{T_m}{\kappa}} = 89.62 \text{ Amps}$ Input power =  $VI_A = 22.406kW$ Speed in rad / sec =  $\frac{Power}{Torque} = \frac{22,406}{200} = 112.03 \text{ rad / sec}$ Speed in  $rpm = 112.03 * 2\pi = 1070.3 rad / sec$ 

### Shunt DC Motors

In shunt DC motors, both field and armature circuits are connected to the

$$i_{f} = \frac{v_{i}}{R_{f}}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega = \frac{v_{i} - R_{A}i_{A}}{K'i_{f}} = \frac{R_{f}}{K'} - \frac{R_{f}R_{A}i_{A}}{K'v_{i}}$$

$$T_{m} = Ki_{f}i_{A} \Rightarrow i_{A} = \frac{T_{m}R_{f}}{Kv_{i}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \frac{R_{f}}{K'} - \frac{R_{f}^{2}R_{A}}{K'Kv_{i}^{2}}T_{m}$$

$$(i)i_{f} = \frac{v_{i}}{R_{f}} = \frac{500}{500} = 1A; i_{A} = 21 - 1 = 20A$$

$$v_{b} = v_{i} - R_{A}i_{A} = 480V; Power = T_{m}\omega = 480*20 = 9600W$$

$$\omega = 96rad / \sec \Rightarrow 916.7rpm$$

$$(i)Ki_{f} = K = \frac{100}{20} = 5Nm / A \Rightarrow i_{A} = \frac{120}{5} = 24A$$

$$v_{b} = v_{i} - R_{A}i_{A} = 476V; Power = T_{m}\omega = 476*24 = 9600W$$

starting torque

 $\omega = 95.2 rad / \sec \Rightarrow 909.6 rpm$ 

• Example: Shunt DC motor with 500V supply,  $R_A = 1 \Omega$ ,  $R_F = 500 \Omega$ . Find the  $\uparrow$  speed when the motor draws 21A current and load torque is 100 Nm. If load torque is changed to 120Nm, what is the new speed?

### **Compound DC Motors**

In compound DC motors, part of field winding is in series  $(R_{fl})$  and the rest is in parallel  $(R_{f2})$ 

$$\begin{split} \dot{i_{f}} &= i_{f1} + i_{f2} = i_{A} + \frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}} \\ \dot{\theta} &= \omega = \frac{v_{i} - (R_{A} + R_{f1})i_{A}}{K'i_{f}} = \frac{R_{f}}{K'} - \frac{R_{f}R_{A}i_{A}}{K'v_{i}} \\ T_{m} &= Ki_{f}i_{A} \Rightarrow T_{m} = Ki_{A}^{2} + K \frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}}i_{A} \\ \Rightarrow i_{A}^{2} + \frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}}i_{A} - \frac{T_{m}}{K} = 0 \Rightarrow i_{A} = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}}\right)^{2} + 4\frac{T_{m}}{K}} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{2v_{i} - (R_{A} + R_{f1}) \left( -\frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}}\right)^{2} + 4\frac{T_{m}}{K}} \right)}{K' \left(\frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{v_{i}}{R_{f2}}\right)^{2} + 4\frac{T_{m}}{K}} \right)} \end{split}$$

Provides trade-off in Performance between series and shunt DC motor s



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- Stepper motors are accurate pulse-driven motors that change their angular position in steps, in response to input pulses from digitally controlled systems
- The stepper motor makes a step for each applied pulse
- The size of the step (step angle) depends on the type and design of the stepper motor
- The input pulses to the stepper motor must be in a proper sequence with acceptable frequency and must provide the phase windings with sufficient current
- Typical applications of stepper motors requiring incremental motion are printers, disk drives, robotics, X-Y plotters.





- So, Stepper Motors
  - Are driven in fixed angular steps
- Each rotation step = rotor response to an input pulse (or a digital command)
- Three Basic Types
  - Variable reluctance stepper motors (have soft iron core; single/multi-stack)
  - Permanent Magnet stepper motors (have magnetized rotors)
  - Hybrid stepper motors (have two stacks of rotor teeth forming the two poles of a permanent magnet located along the rotor axis).





3-stack VR stepper motor



2-pole PM stepper motor

## When do you use which Stepper Motor?

- VR Stepper Motor
  - Small step sizes
  - Typically smaller torque
- PM Stepper Motor
  - Larger step sizes (30-90 degrees)
  - Have higher inertia and slower acceleration
  - More torque per ampere of stator current than VR stepper motor
- Hybrid Stepper Motor
  - Smaller step sizes
  - More torque than VR stepper motor
  - Natural choice for applications requiring small step length and high torque
  - More expensive than a VR stepper motor



4 wires



# **Basic Stepper Motor Concepts**

- Rotor is a magnetic bar that pivots about its center
- Each loop forms an electromagnet with different polarity
- If we apply a voltage to loop 2 such that
  pole piece A is South and B is North (it
  must be because of the way they are
  wound), the rotor magnet will line up as
  shown. This is called holding position
- If we remove the voltage from the second loop and apply it to the first loop, pole pieces A and B will have no magnetic attraction and pole pieces C and D will have
- The rotor will turn, so the magnet will take up a new position and be rotated 90 degrees clock wise



# Half-stepping Sequence for a 2-\$ Stepper Motor





If the stator has  $N_s$  poles, stator pole pitch is 360/  $N_s$  degrees

-  $N_s = 12 \Rightarrow$  stator pitch =  $30^{\circ}$ 

- If number of rotor poles is  $N_r$ , rotor pitch is 360/  $N_r$  degrees
  - $N_r = 16 \Rightarrow$  rotor pitch = 22.5<sup>o</sup>
- Step angle =  $360 (1/N_s 1/N_r)$
- Number of phases = m; ( $N_s/m$  even)
- Need :  $\pm 360/m N_r = 360 (1/N_s 1/N_r)$





- Rotor stack misalignment (1/4 pitch) in a hybrid stepper motor
- Schematically shows the state where phase 1 is off and phase 2 is on with N polarity



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• Equivalent Inertia at Rotor of the Motor via overall Kinetic Energy

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} (J_m + J_{g1}) \omega_m^2 + \frac{1}{2} (J_{g2} + J_d + J_s) \left(\frac{\omega_m}{p}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m_c + m_L) \left(\frac{r\omega_m}{p}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} J_e \omega_m^2$$
$$\Rightarrow J_e = J_m + J_{g1} + \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^2 (J_{g2} + J_d + J_s) + \left(\frac{r}{p}\right)^2 (m_c + m_L)$$



• From triangular speed profile:

$$d = \frac{1}{2} v_{\text{max}} T \Longrightarrow v_{\text{max}} = \frac{2d}{T} = \frac{0.2}{0.2} = 1 \, m \, / \sec \theta$$

• Max acceleration/deceleration

$$a_{\rm max} = \frac{v_{\rm max}}{(T/2)} = 10 \, m/\sec^2$$

• Maximum angular acceleration/deceleration and max. velocity of motor

$$\dot{\omega}_{\text{max}} = \frac{pa_{\text{max}}}{r} = 100 p \ rad \ / \sec^2; \quad \omega_{\text{max}} = \frac{pv_{\text{max}}}{r} = 10 p \ rad \ / \sec^2$$

• Maximum Torque needed with a motor of efficiency,  $\eta$ 

$$\eta T_m = \left(J_m + J_{g1} + \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^2 (J_{g2} + J_d + J_s) + \left(\frac{r}{p}\right)^2 (m_c + m_L)\right) \frac{pa_{\max}}{r} \quad p = 1 \text{ when no gears}$$



## **Stepper Motor Selection Example - 3**

#### **Stepper Motor Specifications**

MODEL		50SM	101SM	310SM	1010SM
NEMA Motor Frame Size	2	3	34	42	
Full Step Angle	degrees	1.8			2048
Accuracy	percent	±3 (noncumulative)			
Holding Tassue	oz-in	38	90	370	1050
Holding fordue	N-m	0,27	0,64	2,61	7,42
Destruct Teamure	az-in	6	18	25	20
Detent Torque	N-m	0,04	0,13	0,18	0,14
Rated Phase Current	Amps	1	5	6	8.6
Data la site	oz-in-sec <sup>2</sup>	1.66 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	26.5 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	114 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Hotor Inertia	kg-m <sup>2</sup>	11,8 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	35 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	187 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	805 x 10 <sup>4</sup>
Having up Dadial Land	h	15		35	40
Maximum Hadiai Load	N	67		156	178
Maximum Through Land	ľb	25		60	125
Maximum Thrust Load	N	111		267	556
Maria ha	lb	1.4	2.8	7.8	20
weight	kg	0,6	1,3	3,5	9,1
Operating Temperature	°C	-55 to +50			
Storage Temperature	°C	-55 to + 130			





No gear case (p = 1), Efficiency  $\eta = 0.8$ 

$$\eta T_m = \left(J_m + J_d + J_s\right) + \left(r\right)^2 \left(m_c + m_L\right) \frac{a_{\max}}{r} = \left(J_m + 0.002 + 0.002 + \left(0.1\right)^2 \left(5 + 5\right)\right) 100$$

 $\Rightarrow T_m = 125((J_m + 0.104)N.m; \omega_{max} = 10 \ rad \ / \sec = 95.5 \ rpm \Rightarrow \text{operating speed range: } 0.95.5 \ rpm$ 

- Note: Torque at 95.5 rpm is < starting torque for first two motors (see speed-torque curves)
- In motor selection use the weakest point (i.e., lowest torque) in the operating speed range
- Form the following table:

Motor	Available	Motor	Required
Model	Model Torque		Torque
	at $\omega_{max}$	Inertia	(N.m)
	(N.m)	$(kg.m^2)$	
50 SM	0.26	$11.8 \times 10^{-6}$	13.0
101 SM	0.60	$35.0 \times 10^{-6}$	13.0
310 SM	2.58	$187.0 \times 10^{-6}$	13.0
1010	7.41	$805.0 \times 10^{-6}$	13.1
SM			

Note: Without a gear unit, available motors cannot meet system requirements.

Stepper Motor Selection Example - 6  
Gear case (
$$p = 2$$
), Assume same efficiency  $\eta = 0.8$   
 $\eta T_m = \frac{pa_{max}}{r} \cdot \left(J_m + J_{g1} + \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^2 (J_{g2} + J_d + J_s) + \left(\frac{r}{p}\right)^2 (m_c + m_L)\right)$   
 $= 200 \cdot \left(J_m + 50.10^{-6} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) (200.10^{-6} + 0.002 + 0.002) + \left(\frac{0.1}{2}\right)^2 (5+5)\right)$   
 $= 200 \cdot (J_m + 0.0261) \Rightarrow T_m = 250 \cdot (J_m + 0.0261)$   
 $\omega_{max} = 191 rpm$ 

• Form the following table:

Motor	Available	Motor Rotor	Required	
Model	Torque	Inertia (kg.m <sup>2</sup> )	Torque	
	at wmax (N.m)		(N.m)	
50 SM	0.25	$11.8 \times 10^{-6}$	6.53	
101 SM	0.58	$35.0 \times 10^{-6}$	6.53	
310 SM	2.63	$187.0 \times 10^{-6}$	6.57	Select this motor.
1010 SM	7.41	$805.0 \times 10^{-6}$	<b>6.73</b> ←	Has 200 steps

• With full stepping, step angle =  $1.8^{\circ}$ . Corresponding step in conveyor motion = positioning resolution =  $(1.8/2)x(\pi/180)x0.1 = 1.57x10^{-3}$  m

## Hydraulic Control System - 1

- Typical hydraulic control system
  - Hydraulic fluid (mineral oil or oil in water emulsions) is pressurized using a pump driven by an AC motor
  - The oils have the desirable properties of self-lubrication, corrosion resistance, good thermal properties, fire resistance, environmental friendliness, low compressibility (high stiffness for good bandwidth)
  - Power conversions (typically  $\eta_m = 0.9$ ;  $\eta_h = 0.6$ )

 $(i,v) \xrightarrow{\eta_m} (T,\omega) \xrightarrow{\eta_h} (Q,P)$ 

- Flow rates in the range of 1,000 to 50,000 gal/min (Note: 1 gal/min = 3.76 L/min) and pressures from 500 to 5000 psi (Note: 1kPa=0.145 psi)
- Pressure from the pump is regulated and stabilized by a relief valve and an accumulator
- A hydraulic valve provides a controlled supply of fluid into the actuator, controlling both the flow rate (including direction) and the pressure



## Hydraulic Control System - 2

- Main components of a hydraulic control system
  - Serve valve
  - Hydraulic actuator
  - Load
  - Feedback control elements (sensors and compensation circuitry, servo amplifier, valve actuator
- Valve (incremental changes)

$$q = k_q u - k_c p$$

• Hydraulic Actuator

$$q = A\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{V}{2\beta}\frac{dp}{dt}$$

• Load

$$m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + b\frac{dy}{dt} = Ap - f_L$$





# Advantages /Disdvantages of Hydraulic Actuators

- Advantages over Electric Motor Systems
  - High pressures (e.g., 5,000 psi) → Can provide very high forces (torques) at high power levels simultaneously to several actuating locations (flexible)
  - Quite stiff when viewed from load side (because a hydraulic medium is mechanically stiffer than an electromagnetic medium)
  - Heat generated at the load can be quickly transferred to another location away from the load by the hydraulic fluid itself
  - Self-lubricating → Low friction in valves, cylinders, pumps, hydraulic motors, etc.
  - Safety considerations will be less (e.g., no possibility of spark generations unlike motors with brush mechanisms)
- Disadvantages
  - More nonlinear
  - Noisier
  - Synchronization of multi-actuator operations may be difficult
  - More expensive and less portable